

Lab Exercise 7– Creating Multiple IAM Users in Terraform

Objective:

Learn how to use Terraform to create multiple IAM users with unique settings.

Prerequisites:

- Terraform installed on your machine.
- AWS CLI configured with the necessary credentials.

Steps:

1. Create a Terraform Directory:

```
● → Terraform-SPCM-LAB cd EXP-7
```

- Create Terraform Configuration Files:
- Create a file named main.tf:

main.tf

```
1  terraform{
2      required_providers {
3          aws={
4              source="hashicorp/aws"
5              version="5.35.0"
6          }
7      }
8  }
9  provider "aws"{
10     region="ap-south-1"
11     access_key = "AKIATG303S6EEAAAF6PE"
12     secret_key = "rBnuMHHmdP6/Ii6xLHRdXrKDaurjD4W3nses7K/"
13 }
14 variable "iam_users"{
15     type=list(string)
16     default=["user1","user2","user3"]
17 }
18 resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
19     count=length(var.iam_users)
20     name=var.iam_users[count.index]
21     tags={
22         Name="${var.iam_users[count.index]}-users"
23     }
24 }
```

In this configuration, we define a list variable `iam_users` containing the names of the IAM users we want to create. The `aws_iam_user` resource is then used in a loop to create users based on the values in the list.

2. Initialize and Apply:

Run the following Terraform commands to initialize and apply the configuration:

```
● → EXP-7 terraform init

Initializing the backend...

Initializing provider plugins...
- Finding hashicorp/aws versions matching "5.35.0"...
- Installing hashicorp/aws v5.35.0...
- Installed hashicorp/aws v5.35.0 (signed by HashiCorp)

Terraform has created a lock file .terraform.lock.hcl to record the provider
selections it made above. Include this file in your version control repository
so that Terraform can guarantee to make the same selections by default when
you run "terraform init" in the future.

Terraform has been successfully initialized!

You may now begin working with Terraform. Try running "terraform plan" to see
any changes that are required for your infrastructure. All Terraform commands
should now work.

If you ever set or change modules or backend configuration for Terraform,
rerun this command to reinitialize your working directory. If you forget, other
commands will detect it and remind you to do so if necessary.
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```

3. Use terraform validate to check any error in HCL script.

```
● → EXP-7 terraform validate
Success! The configuration is valid.
```

4. Use terraform plan to review the provided resources.

```
● → EXP-7 terraform plan

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan. Resource actions are
indicated with the following symbols:
+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[0] will be created
+ resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
+   arn                = (known after apply)
+   force_destroy      = false
+   id                 = (known after apply)
+   name               = "user1"
+   path               = "/"
+   tags               = {
+     "Name" = "user1-users"
+   }
+   tags_all           = {
+     "Name" = "user1-users"
+   }
+   unique_id          = (known after apply)
}

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[1] will be created
+ resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
+   arn                = (known after apply)
+   force_destroy      = false
+   id                 = (known after apply)
+   name               = "user2"
+   path               = "/"
}
```

5. Use terraform apply to apply all the changes.

```
EXP-7 terraform apply

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan,
indicated with the following symbols:
+ create

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[0] will be created
+ resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
  + arn          = (known after apply)
  + force_destroy = false
  + id          = (known after apply)
  + name        = "user1"
  + path        = "/"
  + tags        = {
    + "Name" = "user1-users"
  }
  + tags_all    = {
    + "Name" = "user1-users"
  }
  + unique_id   = (known after apply)
}

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[1] will be created
+ resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
  + arn          = (known after apply)
  + force_destroy = false
  + id          = (known after apply)
  + name        = "user2"
  + path        = "/"
}
```

Plan: 3 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.

Do you want to perform these actions?

Terraform will perform the actions described above.
Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

Enter a value: yes

aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Creating...

aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Creating...

aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Creating...

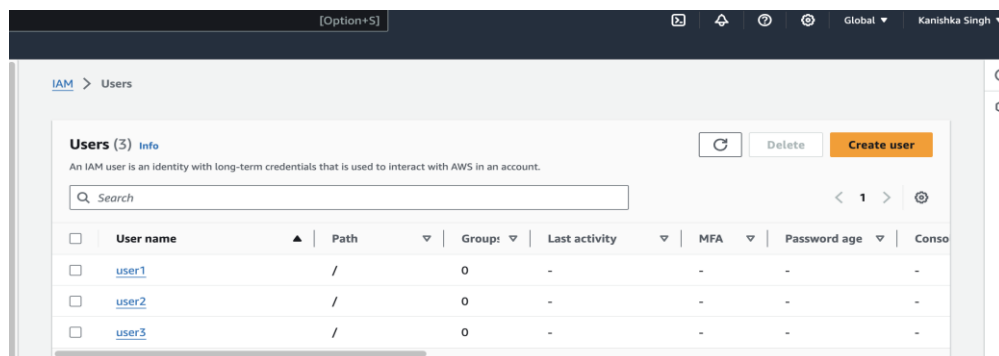
aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Creation complete after 2s [id=user2]

aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Creation complete after 2s [id=user1]

aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Creation complete after 2s [id=user3]

Apply complete! Resources: 3 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

6. Verify using AWS console.



The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console 'Users' page. It displays a table with 3 users: user1, user2, and user3. Each user has a path of '/', a group of '0', and no last activity. The table also includes columns for MFA, Password age, and Console access. The 'Create user' button is visible in the top right corner.

| | User name | Path | Group | Last activity | MFA | Password age | Console |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|-------|---------------|-----|--------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | user1 | / | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | user2 | / | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | user3 | / | 0 | - | - | - | - |

7. Add or remove IAM Users by changing main.tf file.

```
EXP-7 > main.tf > variable "iam_users" > [ ] default > 2
1  terraform {
2    required_providers {
3      aws = {
4        source = "hashicorp/aws"
5        version = "5.35.0"
6      }
7    }
8  }
9  provider "aws" {
10   region = "ap-south-1"
11   access_key = "AKIATG303S6EEAAF6PE"
12   secret_key = "rBnuMHmdP6/Ii6xLHRdXrKDaurjD4W3nses7K/"
13 }
14 variable "iam_users" {
15   type = list(string)
16   default = ["user-a", "user-b", "user-c"]
17 }
18 resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
19   count = length(var.iam_users)
20   name = var.iam_users[count.index]
21   tags = {
22     Name = "${var.iam_users[count.index]}-users"
23   }
24 }
```

8. Use terraform apply to apply changes.

```
EXP-7 terraform apply
aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Refreshing state... [id=user1]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Refreshing state... [id=user2]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Refreshing state... [id=user3]

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan
indicated with the following symbols:
  ~ update in-place

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[0] will be updated in-place
~ resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
  id          = "user1"
  ~ name      = "user1" -> "user-a"
  ~ tags      = {
    ~ "Name" = "user1-users" -> "user-a-users"
  }
  ~ tags_all   = {
    ~ "Name" = "user1-users" -> "user-a-users"
  }
  # (4 unchanged attributes hidden)
}
```

```
Plan: 0 to add, 3 to change, 0 to destroy.

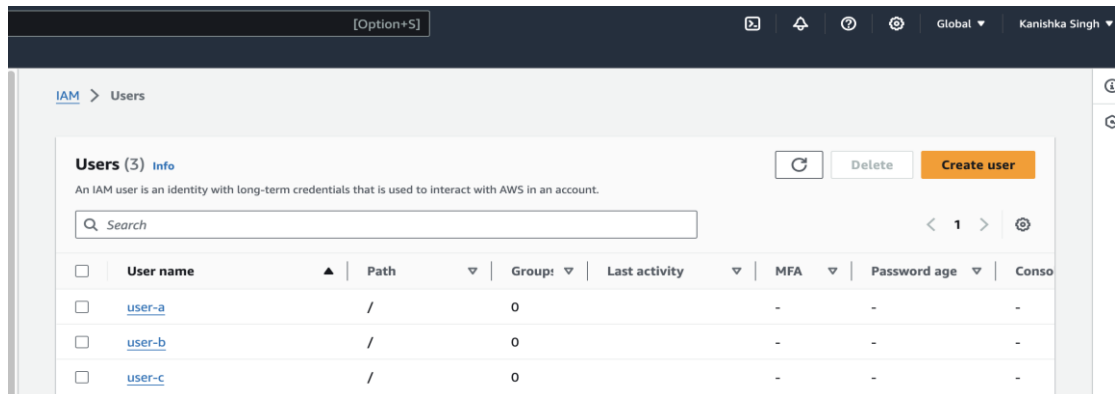
Do you want to perform these actions?
  Terraform will perform the actions described above.
  Only 'yes' will be accepted to approve.

  Enter a value: yes

aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Modifying... [id=user2]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Modifying... [id=user1]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Modifying... [id=user3]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Modifications complete after 3s [id=user-c]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Modifications complete after 3s [id=user-a]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Modifications complete after 3s [id=user-b]

Apply complete! Resources: 0 added, 3 changed, 0 destroyed.
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```

9. Verify it using AWS Console.



10. Delete all IAM users using terraform destroy.

```
→ EXP-7 terraform destroy
aws_iam_user.iam_users[1]: Refreshing state... [id=user-b]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[2]: Refreshing state... [id=user-c]
aws_iam_user.iam_users[0]: Refreshing state... [id=user-a]

Terraform used the selected providers to generate the following execution plan
indicated with the following symbols:
  - destroy

Terraform will perform the following actions:

# aws_iam_user.iam_users[0] will be destroyed
- resource "aws_iam_user" "iam_users" {
  - arn          = "arn:aws:iam::220886439816:user/user-a" -> null
  - force_destroy = false -> null
  - id           = "user-a" -> null
  - name        = "user-a" -> null
  - path        = "/" -> null
  - tags        = {
    - "Name" = "user-a-users"
  } -> null
```

11. Verify it by AWS Console.

